

ARTS, CULTURE, & CREATIVITY IN CALIFORNIA



Before we begin the performance, we would like to make the following announcement regarding the State of California's support for arts, culture and creativity.

Last year the California Arts Council's budget was cut 94% - from **\$18 million to one million** dollars. That is 1/10th of 1/10th of 1/10th of one percent of the state's budget. California now ranks **50th of the 50 states**

in per capita support – at less than three cents. The national average is \$1.15. New York spends over \$2.75.

As a result of these cuts, all grants programs have been suspended. California goes from having **the largest Artist in Residence in the schools program in the country to having no program at all.** 850,000 K-12 students will receive no arts programming this year. Millions more are affected by cuts to organizations with in-school and after-school programs.

Performances and exhibitions around the state are being cancelled. As **one**

of every four dollars spent by tourists is arts and culture related, the impact on this industry is significant.

Last year the California Arts Council awarded this organization \$ _____

For us the cuts will mean that:

The message being sent is that California no longer values arts, culture, and creativity.

We hope you will join us in demanding from your state legislators and the Governor that some reasonable funding be restored this year.

